

The business of this port is growing rapidly. Scarcely a day now passes without one or more steamers lying at the railway wharf, either discharging European goods into long trains of cars to be sent into the interior of the country, or receiving from the elevator or the wharf thousands of bushels of grain, or of barrels of apples, or hundreds of cattle, sheep, etc., and other staple products of Canada. All this gives employment to many wharf and train hands, stevedores, checkers and others who would otherwise be idle or nearly so at this season of the year, owing to the customary decreased movements of sailing vessels.

BREADSTUFFS.—The British markets have been very quiet, though prices are unchanged there. The crops of England, France and Russia were very small, but the large increase of the visible supply of wheat on this continent—which amounted last year to the fine pile of 61,160,330 bushels, and is growing at the rate of over a million and a half of bushels per week—effectually stops any advance in figures. The exports of wheat and flour from Atlantic ports from July 1st to the 11th instant, were 55,213,038 bushels against 26,493,245 for the corresponding period last year. Still the vast pyramid rising in America casts a dark shadow over the hopes of speculative buyers for a rise.

Provisions have been dull and heavy and little business has transpired. Prices are nominally unchanged.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.—Present indications point to a continued healthy trade in those articles, because the British markets are more dependent on Canadian supplies than they have been for five or six winters. If the present export demand continues as it promises to do, fancy prices may be reached before next spring.

POULTRY.—Many fowls of poultry that were killed and dressed, to be sent to reach the Newfoundland market in time for Christmas, missed their steamer connections, and had to be added to this city's stock. At the same time the weather was very warm, so that the goods would not keep, and had to be sold very low. Doubtless many speculators will find that their losses have been serious when they come to compare their accounts.

SUGAR.—This article continues to disappoint those who have invested in it, in expectation of a rise. It still obstinately refuses to move upwards.

TEA AND COFFEES are dull. We believe that the retail prices are, and for some time have been, far higher than the facts of the case warrant. The "Trade Bulletin," of Montreal, urges putting a duty on tea, and claims that \$1,000,000 per year might thus be added to the revenue, without adding a fraction to the cost to the consumer. We have not looked into the matter sufficiently deeply to say whether our contemporary is correct or not. The New York market for tea continues firm, the late advance being well sustained. The statistical position appears to be solidly in favor of holders, especially at points of production. London advices report that the bulk of the medium and fine teas have come up to the level of 10d. to 1s. per lb. in value. The situation at this moment is therefore encouraging.

FRUIT.—Heavy arrivals of apples in England last week had a tendency to weaken the markets there for a day or two, but it was soon evident that the demand is fully equal to any possible supply, and the previous tone was speedily recovered. Gradually advancing prices may be effected for good, well-packed apples throughout the winter. There has been no change in dried fruits, though the demand has been active.

FISH.—This market is in a very quiet state, and in all probability will remain so until some time after the beginning of the New Year. There have not been any arrivals of pickled fish from the coast for some time. It is quite probable that what mackerel are on the coast and the outports will remain there until an advance takes place. Many are looking for an advance on fat mackerel soon after the commencement of the New Year, but we think no material advance will take place in mackerel, and particularly on No. 1 and No. 2 large for the next two months. Some Shore codfish have come to market since our last issue, and have found ready buyers at fair rates. It is impossible to give any quotation for mackerel; they are held for much higher prices than can be had at present, and no sales are being made. Some advance had taken place in the Jamaica markets but we fear that the market will soon be overstocked again that prices will decline. The late advance there fully illustrates the necessity of regular shipments to that Island. It is impossible for any market to keep up when flooded with an article. The Cuba market has also advanced, but we fear that late shipments will cause a decline again. The Porto Rico markets are not yet in a good position; shipments have been too frequent, not allowing the market to work up.

We hope, that with the beginning of the New Year, there may be an advance on all kinds of fish. It is very discouraging indeed to purchasers who have invested large amounts in fat mackerel, to be obliged to sell them at a loss. The fishermen who were fortunate enough to have secured any fat mackerel the latter part of the season, and then brought them to market, have, we think, made much more money out of them than those who purchased here. The market turning this way will have its effect next season. A great many purchasers seem to run away with the idea that, because the quantity caught by U. S. fishermen the last season was so much short of the previous season, prices must advance soon and rapidly. Perhaps they may, but it must be considered that prices of all kinds of mackerel are now high, and consumers in the United States are asking for and looking for cheap fish. Frozen codfish, frozen herring, halibut, etc., are now being used in place of the high-priced mackerel; and when a certain time comes around, fat mackerel are not wanted. We would advise all who have fat mackerel to be prepared to sell when they can see a profit, and not to let an opportunity pass where a sale can be made at a profit, though it may be small.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

WHOLESALE RATES

Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants, and can therefore be depended upon as accurate up to the time of going to press. We intend devoting special attention to our Commercial and Financial Articles, and to our Market Quotations, and to this end have secured the co-operation of several persons thoroughly conversant with questions of finance and commerce.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR.	
Cut Leaf	8 to 8 1/2
Granulated	8 to 8 1/2
Circle A	5 to 6
Extra Yellow C	5 1/2 to 6 1/2
Yellow C	1 to 5
TEA.	
Canton Common	17 to 19
Fair	20 to 23
Good	25 to 29
Choice	31 to 33
Extra Choice	35 to 36
Oolong—Choice	37 to 39
MOLASSES.	
Barbadoes	30 to 32
Demerara	30 to 33
Diamond N	40
Porto Rico	31
Tobacco—Black	37 to 38
Bright	12 to 18
BISCUITS.	
Pilot Bread	2.60 to 2.90
Boston and Thin Family	3 1/2 to 6
Soda	5 1/2 to 5 3/4
do. in 1 lb. boxes, 50 to case	7 1/2
Fancy	8 to 13

The above quotations are carefully prepared by a reliable Wholesale House, and can be depended upon as correct.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints.	
in Small Tubs	20 to 25
Good, in large tubs	19 to 20
Store Packed & oversalted	10 to 12
Canadian Creamery	
Township, Fancy	22 to 23
Finest	20 to 22
fine	18 to 20
Morrisburg and Brockville	17 to 19
Western	18 to 16
Cheese, N. S.	
Canada	14

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer in Butter and Cheese.

FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKEREL.	
Extra	15.25
No. 1	12.25
" 2 large	9.50
" 3 large	7.50 to 8.00
" 3 large	5.50 to 5.75
HERRING.	
No. 1 Shore, July	3.00
No. 1, August	none
Sept-1st	1.25
Round Shore	3.75
Labrador, in cargo lots, per lb	4.50
Bay of Islands	3.75 to 4.00
ALBACORE, per bbl.	none
COURTIN.	
Hard Shore	3.00
Bank	2.10
Bay	none
SALMON, No. 1	
Haddock, per qt.	2.00 to 2.25
Hake	2.10
Cusk	none
POLLACK	none
Hake Sounds	43 to 50c per lb.
Cod Oil A	2 1/2 to 50

The above are prepared by a reliable firm of West India Merchants.

LOBSTERS.

Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing).	
Tall Cans	4.60 to 5.00
Flat	4.00 to 4.50
Per case 4 doz. 1 lb. cans.	

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LUMBER.

Pine, clear, No. 1, per m.	
Merchandise, do do	27.00 to 28.00
" No 2 do	14.00 to 15.00
" Small, per m.	10.00 to 12.00
Spruce, dimension good, per m.	8.00 to 10.00
Merchandise, do do	9.50 to 10.00
" Small, do do	8.00 to 9.00
Hemlock, merchandise	7.00
Shingles, No 1, raved, pine	3.00 to 3.50
" No 2, do do	1.00 to 1.25
" spruce, No 1	1.10 to 1.30
laths, per m	2.00
Hard wood, per cord	4.00 to 4.25
Soft wood	2.25 to 2.50

The above quotations are prepared by a reliable firm in this line.

BREADSTUFFS.

PROVISIONS AND PRODUCE.

Our quotations below are our today's wholesale selling prices for car lots net cash. Jobbers' and Retailers' prices about 5 to 10 per cent advance on carload lots.

FLOUR.	
Patent high grades	4.40 to 4.50
" mediums	4.35 to 4.50
Superior Extra	4.30 to 4.40
Lower grades	3.90 to 4.20
Oatmeal, Standard	4.20 to 4.35
" Granulated	4.30 to 4.40
Corn Meal—Halifax ground	2.85 to 2.95
"—Imported	2.85 to 3.00
Bran per ton—Wheat	17.50 to 18.50
" Corn	15.00
Shorts	19.00 to 19.50
Middlings	20.00 to 22.00
Cracked Corn	24.00 to 25.00
Oats	25.00 to 30.00
" Barley	nominal
Feed Flour	3.50 to 3.60
Oats per bushel of 54 lbs	34 to 38
Barley " of 48 "	35 to 40
" of 60 "	1.40 to 1.10
White Beans, per bushel	1.50 to 1.60
Pot Barley, per barrel	1.85 to 4.90
Corn " of 56 lbs	75 to 80
Hay per ton	13.00 to 14.00
Straw	10.00 to 12.00

J. A. CHIPMAN & Co., Liverpool Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am. Ex. Mess, duty paid	11.00 to 11.50
" " "	11.50 to 12.00
" " " "	12.00 to 13.00
Pork, Mess, American	13.50 to 14.00
" " "	12.00 to 12.50
" American, clear	15.00 to 15.50
" P. E. I. Mess	13.00 to 13.50
" " "	12.50 to 12.75
" P. E. I. Thin Mess	10.50 to 11.00
" Prime Mess	9.50 to 10.00
Lard, Tubs and Pails	10 to 11
" Cases	12 to 12 1/2
Hams, P. E. I.	none
Duty on Am. Pork and Beef	12.50 per bbl.

Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are liable to change daily.

These quotations are prepared by a reliable wholesale house.

WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

Wool—clean washed, per pound	13 to 20
" unwashed	12 to 15
Salted Hides, No 1	7 1/2
Or Hides, over 60 lbs, No 1	7 1/2
" over 60 lbs, No 2	6 1/2
" under 60 lbs, No 2	6 1/2
Cow Hides, No 1	3
No 3 Hides	3
Calf Skins	25 to 35
" Deacons, each	25 to 30
Lambskins	25 to 30

The above quotations are furnished by WM. F. FOSTER, dealer in Wool and Hides, Connoys' Wharf.

HOME AND FOREIGN FRUITS.

Apples, (No. 1 Gravensteins) per bbl.	2.50 to 2.75
" " " " "	1.75 to 2.00
Oranges, per bbl, Jamaica (new)	6.75
" Valencia	6.00 to 6.25
Lemons, per box	3.50 to 3.75
Coconuts, per 100	8.00 to 9.50
Onions American, per lb.	2 1/2 to 3 1/2
Foxberries, per bbl new	3.00 to 4.00
Grapes, Almeria, keg	0.00
Raisins, New Val.	8 to 1
Figs, Elenc, small boxes	12 to 17
Prunes, Stewing, per lb.	6 1/2
Dates, boxes, new	7 1/2

The above quotations are furnished by C. H. Harvey, 10 & 12 Sackville St.

POULTRY.

Turkey, per pound	11 to 20
Geese, each	10 to 45
Ducks, per pair	50 to 55
Chickens	30 to 60

The above are corrected by a reliable victualler.

LIVE STOCK—at Richmond Depot.

Steers, best quality, per 100 lbs. alive	4.30
Oxen	3.00
Fat Steers, Hefers light weights	3.75
Weibers, best quality, per 100 lbs.	2.75 to 3.25
Lambs	2.25 to 3.50

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